

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Betty Wu et al. Art Unit : 1743
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Title : METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR RELEASING INTRACELLULAR
MATERIAL FROM CELLS WITHIN MICROFLUIDIC SAMPLES OF FLUIDS

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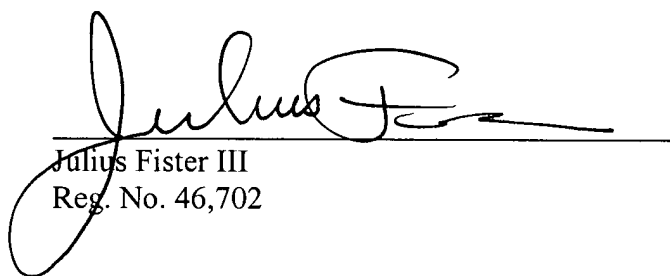
PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated November 26, 2003, be extended for two months to and including February 26, 2004.

Enclosed is a check for \$210 for the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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